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Pavel and Posselt unite around European unity

Pres. Bernd Posselt of the Sudeten German Landsmannschaft has given one interview after another to friendly Czech media in the run-up to this weekend's event in Brno. Whenever he's asked to explain what he wants to achieve, he steers the discussion toward European unity.

That's our future, he says, without explaining exactly how this unity achieves the goals of his association, as defined in its [statutes and policy document](#). He told [Deník](#) that Pres. Petr Pavel's invitation to meet with Bavarian PM Markus Söder after the Brno event is a grand gesture of European solidarity and that Pavel is one of Europe's most esteemed statesmen. Yet by meeting with Söder and by [lending his name](#) to the Meeting Brno event, Pavel is going against his own government and a [significant part](#) of the Czech population. His popularity is suffering for it, as is Posselt's own standing in the CR, but they both apparently believe that advancing European interests is worth whatever negative reaction they must personally endure.

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